

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. No claims have been added; claims 1-13, 25-31, and 33 have been cancelled; and claims 14, 17, 24, 5 and 32 have been amended. Claims 14-24 and 32 are pending. Furthermore, several typographical errors in the specification have been corrected according to the amendments to the specification section above.

Allowed Subject Matter

10 Applicant would like to thank the Office for allowing claims 14-24. Claims 14, 17, and 24 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors, and remain in condition for allowance.

The Office also indicated that claim 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any 15 intervening claims. Claim 32 has been amended to include all of the elements recited in claim 31. Accordingly, claim 32 is also in condition for allowance.

Rejections to the Claims

35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-3, 8-10, 25-31, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as
being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,222,530 to Sequeira (herein
5 referred to as Sequeira).

Claims 1-3, 8-10, 25-31, and 33 have been cancelled, rendering the
rejection of these claims moot.

10 **35 U.S.C. 103**

Claims 4-7 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being
unpatentable over Sequeira in view of the Examiner taking official notice.

Claims 4-7 and 11-13 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection of
15 these claims moot.

Conclusion

Claims 14-24 and 32 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the present application. Should any issue remain that prevents immediate issuance
5 of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned agent to discuss the unresolved issue.

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